

## Museum Exhibit Highlights, 2005-2006

The Museum opened three major exhibits that were created in cooperative partnerships with other agencies.

### **Nature's Mirror: Images and Artifacts from the Edward S. Curtis Collection**

This exhibit highlighted the agency's collections of artifacts, photographs and documents from early 20<sup>th</sup> century photographer, Edward Sheriff Curtis. Curtis was a nationally prominent photographer, publishing *The North American Indian*, a 20 volume series of photographs and research on tribes throughout North America. The Arizona Capitol Museum has photographs and approximately 56 Native American baskets that Curtis collected in the early 1900s. Exhibit staff worked with the State Archives to obtain copies of *The North American Indian*, as well as correspondence between Edward Curtis and Arizona state officials from 1914 to place on display.

### **Courteous Vigilance: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Arizona Highway Patrol**

This exhibit (April 26 – Sept 29, 2006) highlighted the history of the Arizona Highway Patrol and Department of Public Safety in celebration of the Highway Patrol's Anniversary. The Arizona Capitol Museum worked in partnership with the DPS to create this exhibit, which included artifacts and photographs from the Patrol's files and collections. A special Saturday opening was held to give officers from throughout the state an opportunity to view the exhibit. The Museum also worked with the State Archives staff to obtain documents and information from that Division's holdings.

### **USS *Arizona*'s Legacy**

The Arizona Capitol Museum opened an expanded exhibit highlighting the USS *Arizona*'s silver service. It received a \$36,000 grant from the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services to create exhibit cases that would protect the silver and allow for all fifty-nine pieces to be displayed together for the first time in the Museum. On May 24, 2006 the punchbowl and copper goblets were placed on display during the Governor's Arizona campaign kickoff to raise funds for a new visitors' center at the USS *Arizona* Memorial in Hawaii. This "Legacy" exhibit is part of the larger USS *Arizona* exhibit scheduled to open on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006, the 65th anniversary of the attack at Pearl Harbor.